



Agenda Item Number: 2005-9-5A

BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: September 13, 2005

Department: Public Art Program **Staff Contact:** Sherri Olsen, Public Art Program Manager

TITLE: County Administrative Offices Artwork

ACTION: Motion to:

1. Approve the Arts Board recommendation of artworks for public areas in the County Administrative Offices.
2. Authorize the County Manager to execute a professional services contract with each of the recommended artists.

SUMMARY:

The Bernalillo County Arts Board recommends approval of the purchase of 22 works of art for display in the public areas of the County's various administrative offices. Bernalillo County artists created the recommended artworks.

Earlier this spring, the County's administrative offices received a fresh coat of paint and new carpet. As part of this process, the ten-year-old 10th floor hallway historical display was removed for conservation and reconfiguration for display at the County's community centers, thus leaving large open spaces suitable for artwork. Opportunities to do business with artists who do not work in large format, sculptural media are very limited and the Arts Board recognized that these spaces provided an excellent opportunity to showcase two and low-relief, three dimensional artworks. The Arts Board specifically wanted to showcase artists who reside in Bernalillo County. Many members of the public visit the administrative offices while doing business with the County. These artworks will provide a professional and pleasing environment as well as an opportunity for art appreciation and education about our County artists.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Prospectus Call for Artists
2. Complete Artwork List
3. Sample Purchase Contract
4. Artwork images with Artists' Names, Artworks titles, Sizes and Media

FISCAL IMPACT

1% for art funds are available for the artwork purchases from the following account:
County 1% for Art: BC63-538230-43WS \$33,163.00

COUNTY MANAGER

In an effort to showcase the talents of artists who reside in Bernalillo County, the Arts Board and Public Art Program staff announced a special call for artworks. The call resulted in over 450 submissions for consideration. Four members of the 10th floor staff, Heidi Warren, Robert Doucette, Marie Eleina Quintero and Greg Stricklin, participated in the artwork review and selection process. The recommend artworks will be curated for display by the public art staff to enhance to quality of the environment for several of the County's public administrative areas including the 10th floor hallway, the County Clerks, County Treasurer's and County Assessors areas. I recommend approval. TL 09/05/2005

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Arts Board continues to thoughtfully and thoroughly review artwork submissions that are the most appropriate for public display in all types of public environments owned and managed by the County. Visitors to the county's various administrative offices included all types of people from other agency representatives, elected officials and dignitaries, and most importantly, the general public. The county's commitment to all types of creative and artistic expression is commendable. I recommend approval. Julie Baca 09/05/2005

LEGAL

The Legal Department will review all contracts for compliance before they are presented to the County Manager for signature. JSL 9/7/05

FINANCE

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| Budget | Funding from the Metropolitan Detention Center bond funds (BC63) is available from 1% for the Arts funding made available from General Obligation bond proceeds per Bernalillo County Ordinance 97-5. Maria Zuniga, Financial Projects Coordinator 09/05/2005 |
| Purchasing | Proper procurement procedures were followed. Billie Baca, Senior Buyer 09/05/2005 |
| Contracts | Contract control number will be assigned once execution by the County Manager has been approved. Billie Baca, Senior Buyer 09/05/2005 |